

In re Application of:

Docket No.: 03500.010695.2

YASUE SATO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/361,963

Examiner: K. Guharay

Filed: July 28, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2879

For: IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS  
HAVING VENT TUBE AND GETTER

Date: May 9, 2003

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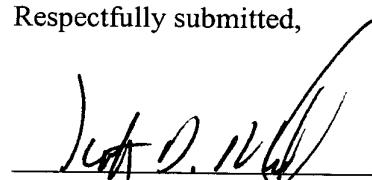
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: